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Weekly Internal Security Report - July 29 - August 3, 1967

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1. The week's activities did not deviate significantly from recent weeks. Little was heard from the guerrillas and the security forces kept up the pressure.

2. One new development was a reported attack on a construction camp of a U.S. firm between Esquipulas and the Honduran border on July 31. Two Guatemalan workers were wounded. The attackers left a sign blaming the FAR. The U.S. contractor has informed the Ambassador that the U.S. firm as such does not appear to have been the target of the attack but one of the workers, who was shot apparently because he was considered by FAR to have betrayed them.

3. Another item of interest was the appearance of a new CADEG flyer. This one identifies 118 targets drawn mostly from the Departments of Jalapa, Jutiapa, and Santa Rosa, but also including Izabal, Zacapa, Escuintla, Chiquimula, and El Quiche. On the list were 4 PR deputies and a number of mayors, among others.

4. People continued to disappear for what looked like political reasons. This week 6 were reported missing, 5 in the capital. There were also about 10 bodies found this week.

5. Comment: The atmosphere appears essentially unchanged in the capital but the jitters about the armed civilians are mounting in the Northeast and the new CADEG list can be expected to keep people on edge.

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6. Incidents during the week in chronological order were:

- July 25 - Press reports disappearance of Oscar Raúl Blanco Ortega. He was allegedly taken by police. B/EC
- 28 - Ministers of Government and Finance announced that National Police force was to be enlarged by 2,400 persons.
- 29 - Man kidnapped from street in Zone 9 by four masked men with sub-machine guns according to his fiancée with whom he was walking. He was identified as Carlos Humberto Motta. No political motive known.
- Man kidnapped by armed group from inside his Zone 6 home. He was identified as Abelardo Victoriano Barillas Trujillo, 19. No political motive known.
- Press reports Carlos Augusto Morataya was brought dead, killed by bullet wounds, to the national hospital in Escuintla. According to press he had been the manager of the finca Polonca in Democracia, Dept. of Escuintla, and had been kidnapped sometime previously.
- Julio César Loranzana Morales taken by police in Capital for belonging to subversive organization, according to press.
- House of well known local lawyer, Julio Camey Herrera, bombed in capital. Damage superficial. ~~No political motive known~~. He is known leftist, has been on "Lists" and attacked before.
- July 30 - 3 bodies found shot near Villa Canales, Dept. of Guatemala. They were identified as Emilio Hernandez, Eduardo Bates Alvarez, and Edgar Waldemar Marroquin. According to press reports, Bates Alvarez had been kidnapped July 26 from his Zone 3 home by uniformed men who identified themselves as members of the National Police. He had worked for the Voice of America. No political motive known.
- Press reports encounter between National Police and presumed guerrillas in Ixchiguan, Dept. of San Marcos. One guerrilla reported killed, 2 captured and a policeman wounded. The so-called guerrillas were later identified as common smugglers by the Army G-2 to Army Attaché.
- 31 - According to press Raúl Antonio Matta Quijada, 17, was kidnapped by unknown persons near Ciudad Universitaria. No political motive known.

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- July 31 - Two workers wounded when armed men fired on construction equipment belonging to U.S. firm Nello L. Teer near Esquipulas, Dept. of Chiquimula. Press speculates attackers were guerrillas.
- Aug. 1 - Press reports new CADEG flyer has appeared threatening 118 persons from 8 Departments. (Jalapa -42; Jutiapa - 26; Santa Rosa - 24; and the rest from Izabal, Zacapa, Chiquimula, Escuintla and El Quiche) Included are 4 PR deputies, 2 priests and a number of Mayors.
- Man kidnapped in Escuintla but escaped as car of kidnappers failed and they left him in trunk where he was found by police 8 hours later. He is identified as Adolfo Lopez Hernández. No political motive known.
 - Body in advanced state of decomposition found at Km. 37 on Atlantic Highway in San Antonio La Paz, Dept. of El Progreso. Hands were tied behind back suggesting death may have been political.
 - Body found near San Jorge, Dept. of Zacapa. Identified as Mejia Orellana, 30. Had been shot. No political identification.
- 2 - Police find decomposed body killed by gunfire near Uzumatlán, Dept. of Zacapa. No political motive known.
- A number of bodies and human remains found by workers digging water line in Villa Nueva. No more known now.

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